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**New Ferry Chetzemoka Update**

I reported last week that the inaugural sailing of the new ferry Chetzemoka is delayed as we work to resolve a vibration issue discovered during sea trials. The good news is that we have identified software changes that may prevent the engine from overpowering the propeller used to stop the vessel. We believe these new operating guidelines and software changes could allow us to operate the Chetzemoka safely and reliably while we continue working to permanently resolve the vibrations. Additional sea trials are scheduled for the middle of next week to test these guidelines and changes. The purpose of sea trials, which we began in late July, is to test every system on a new boat to ensure that it can operate safely and reliably. I will provide an update in my weekly e-mail next Friday. For more information about the Chetzemoka, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries).

**Edmonds/Kingston Service Disruption**

I want to thank our Edmonds/Kingston customers for their patience today when we were reduced to one boat service this morning after the Walla Walla experienced difficulties with the steering control system. Maintenance crews were able to fix the problem and two-boat service resumed with the 1:30 p.m. sailing out of Kingston.

**Vehicle Reservations Planning Update**

Following approval from the Washington State Information Services Board (ISB) in July, WSF is moving forward to acquire the technology for vehicle reservations. We have moved forward to assign a project manager for information technology and development, to put together the request for proposal documents, and began the effort to develop operational plans to support the reservations system. For more information on planning for vehicle reservations, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm).

**Seattle/Bremerton Temporary Capacity Reduction**

Beginning Sunday, August 15, the Seattle/Bremerton route will be served by the 144-car Kaleetan and the 90-car Sealh. This will reduce vehicle capacity on the route by 34-cars. The Sealh is expected to remain on the route until the middle of next week while maintenance is performed on the 124-car Kitsap. Customers should plan for limited vehicle space weekdays on the 4:50 a.m. and 7:20 a.m. sailings from Bremerton and the 4:20 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. sailings from Seattle aboard the Sealh.

**Meeting with NCDOT**

I met with Deputy Secretary Jim Westmoreland of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) this morning. He was in town on another matter and took the opportunity to stop by and discuss our common public ferry system issues. NCDOT operates the second largest state ferry system in the nation. I appreciated the conversation.

**Next Week:**

- Bargaining units arbitration
- Chetzemoka update

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